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20	Orissa	53	44	22	31
21	Punjab	43	19	28	29
22	Rajasthan	49	34	27	24
23	Sikkim	22	25	11	18
24	Tamil Nadu	33 ^v	41	29	33
25	Tripura	54	15	25	25
26	Uttar Pradesh	58	35	61	45
27	Uttaranchal	25	18	18	29
28	West Bengal	54	44	63	50
29	A & N Islands	20	18	19	21
30	Chandigarh	41	29	30	26
31	D & N Haveli	62	43	24	28
32	Daman & Diu	43	29	17	35
33	Delhi	40	26	30	30
34	Lakshadweep	21	16	1.7	22
35	Pondicherry	24	21	26	29
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Threat to abuse of children

*452. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundred of children in the country are facing serious threat of vulnerability to abuses of every kind;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the step being taken to protect children from these types of threat?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A recent study on child abuse has revealed that child abuse is widespread across the country. It includes different forms of abuse, like physical, sexual, emotional and neglect of girl child in different settings like family environment, schools, institutions, working place and on streets. The report of the study is available at the website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development at www.wcd.nic.in.

(b) There are various factors which make children vulnerable to abuse, such as social, economic, cultural, factors and illiteracy and poverty.

(c) There are several provisions available at present for protection of children from abuse, which include Constitutional provisions (Article 14, 15, 21, 23, 24, 39) Legislations (Indian Penal Code, Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children) Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, Policies (National Policy on Children, National Charter for Children), Plans (National Plan of Action for Children), Schemes and programmes (Programmes for Juvenile Justice, Integrated Programme for Street Children), (Childline service, Shishu Greha Scheme, Scheme for Working Children in need of Care and Protection, National Child Labour Project, Pilot Project to combat trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation, Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers). National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has also been set up for ensuring child rights. Among the new initiatives being taken for protecting children is a comprehensive legislation on offences against children and the launching of an Integrated Child Protection Scheme.

Committee's Report on Dargah Ajmer Shareef

*453. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed to look into the affairs of Dargah Ajmer Shareef has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the findings and recommendation thereof; and

(c) by when the report will be placed in the Parliament?